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APPLICANT:

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SELF-HEALING OPTICAL RING NETWORK

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUS TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Dear Sir:

On February 26, 2007, Applicant filed a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R.1.321 to overcome an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of U.S. Patent 7,133,609 to Kim, which is commonly owned and assigned to the assignee of the present application.

However, Applicant, inadvertently and through no deceptive intent, filed the Terminal disclaimer on February 26, 2007 listing U.S. Patent 6,519,060 to Liu as the patent to which the present application is tied to via Terminal Disclaimer.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the previously-filed Terminal Disclaimer and has attached a new Terminal Disclaimer for entry into the record.

Applicant respectfully requests that with regard to any fees due and owed regarding this petition and the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, please charge deposit account number 502-470.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 23, 2007

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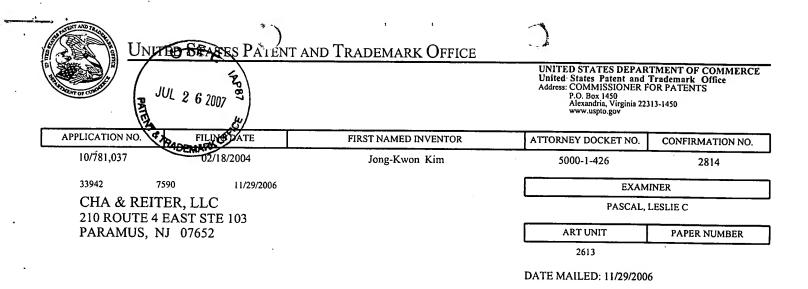
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✓ Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) included.

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*Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is required if terminal disclaimer is signed by the assignee (owner). Form PTO/SB/96 may be used for making this certification. See MPEP § 324.

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F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,2,5,7,8,10 of U.S. Patent No. 7133609. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because although the patent does not specifically teach that the filter means are interleavers, it is well known to use interleavers as filtering means depending on which wavelengths are to be bypassed. it would have been obvious to use an interleaver in the system of the patent if the signals that a particular ADM were not using/not using were interleaved signals.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie Pascal whose telephone number is 571-272-3032. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on 571-272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.